

UN CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	20 Nov 1991	<p>CRC/C/KOR/CO/5-6</p> <p>24 October 2019</p> <p>https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fKOR%2fCO%2f5-6&Lang=en</p> <p>III. Main areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>C. Civil rights and freedoms (arts. 7, 8 and 13–17)</p> <p>Right to an identity</p> <p>23. The Committee urges the State party to prohibit the “baby box” initiative, which is operated by religious organizations and which allows for the anonymous abandonment of children, and to consider introducing, as a last resort, the possibility of confidential hospital births.</p> <p>E. Family environment and alternative care (arts. 5, 9–11, 18 (1) and (2), 20, 21, 25 and 27 (4))</p> <p>Family environment</p> <p>31. The Committee welcomes the expansion of free childcare, flexible working arrangements for working parents, paternal leave and support to single-parent families, as well as the adoption of the Act on Enforcing and Supporting Child Support Payment. It recommends that the State party:</p>

		<p>(a) Further increase the capacity and appropriate flexibility of childcare services and ensure that all children, irrespective of nationality, have equal access to childcare facilities and financial support, including by amending the Infant Care Act;</p> <p>(b) Further facilitate access to and use of paternal leave;</p> <p>(c) Ensure visitation rights for children from divorced families, including by expanding the number of “visitation centres” and providing alternative solutions;</p> <p>(d) Promote and ensure access to and the enforcement of child support payments and also ensure that sanctions for non-compliance do not compromise the best interests of the child;</p> <p>(e) Take all measures necessary to prevent and eradicate stigma and discrimination against single-parent families and revise child support entitlements accordingly.</p> <p>Children deprived of a family environment</p> <p>32. Drawing the State party’s attention to the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children (General Assembly resolution 64/142, annex), the Committee recommends that the State party:</p> <p>(a) Support and facilitate family-based care for all children wherever possible, allocate adequate human, financial and technical resources to expand and enhance the quality of foster care for children who cannot stay with their families and phase out institutionalization through a concrete plan of action;</p> <p>(b) Address the root causes of child abuse within the family, also address the reasons why children run away from home, take targeted, non-punitive measures to prevent and eradicate these phenomena and intensify protection for runaway children;</p> <p>(c) Ensure adequate safeguards and clear criteria, based on children’s needs, best interests and views and having due regard for their age and maturity, for determining where and when to place them in alternative care; ensure the periodic review of the quality of alternative care and access to complaints procedures; and intensify reunification support and support for children in care reaching adulthood;</p> <p>(d) Streamline the guardianship procedure and strengthen guardians’ protection capacity.</p> <p>Adoption</p>
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	24 Sep 2004	
OPAC to CRC	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICCPR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
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ICESCR	Accession Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	10 Apr 1990	
CEDAW	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	27 Dec 1984	
CRPD	Ratification Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
CRPD/C/KOR/CO/1	11 Dec 2008	<p>29 October 2014</p> <p>http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G14/193/70/PDF/G1419370.pdf?OpenElement</p> <p>Respect for home and the family (art. 23) 43. The Committee is concerned that support services provided to families of children with disabilities is limited to low-income families that include persons with severe disabilities. Due to short supply, even such services are insufficient. The Committee is furthermore concerned that the Government provides more subsidies and benefits to families adopting children with disabilities than to their families of origin, which</p>

		<p>encourages the abandonment of children with disabilities by their own families, in particular by single mothers who face compounded stigmatization, and denies the child’s right to family.</p> <p>44. The Committee recommends that the State party provide the legal basis for, and implement, comprehensive policies to enable parents, including single mothers, of children with disabilities to receive support to raise their child within the family and to ensure the child’s rights to family and to participation in the community on an equal basis with other children.</p>
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Acronyms and Abbreviations:

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child/Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
OPAC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
OPSC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review